

Komaestse PÃ³no'e

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Summary: Walt's neice on his wife side. She comes to live with him after her death. Little Alice Carrow parents died, and Bailey decided to adopt her having caring for her during the investigation. (part of the prologue, not the actual story). Bailey and Henry hit it off and begin to date, even with Walt's adamant disapproval.

1. Chapter 1

****Prologue 8 months before the actual show. Go to Wattpad for clothing.****

I climb out of my uncle's truck and he leads me toward a little place called the Red Pony. It looks like some kind of bar and grill, we walk inside and Uncle Walt leads us to the bar.

I came to Absoroka Wyoming because my Uncle just lost his wife and came to help. And to get away from my mother trying to set me up with men that I don't particularly like. As soon as I got here I applied for a job at the local elementary school knowing I'll be here for an extended period of time.

I sit down next to Walt, and an older looking Native American comes over to us. "Henry," my uncle greets.

"Walt," he says and then turns his attention toward me. "And who might you be?" he asks.

"Hi," I greet and hold out my hand, "I'm Walt's favorite niece Bailey on hi wife's side."

Henry smile and takes hold of my hand and shakes it. "You're my only niece," Walt grunts out looking at the menu.

"So what made you come to Absoroka County?" Henry asks leaning against the other side of the bar.

"This guy, Cady called my mom and told me what happened," I tell him and Henry nods.

"Henry I would like to order?" My Uncle says and Henry rolls his eyes straightening out.

Uncle Walt orders and Henry jots it down and looks at me. "Just water and give me whatever's today's special," I tell him, he nods and writes that down and winks at me as he heads to the kitchen.

I look down blushing and pull out my lessons book looking over everything making sure everything looks good before I start working next week. I'm taking over for one of the kindergarten teachers while she goes on maternity leave.

I look at all the kids I'll be teaching for the next few months, or for however long the school will keep me. I'm starting with younger kids this only being my first year of teaching, it's kindergarten so everything is going to be simple.

Henry comes back out with Walt and I's drinks, he sets the water in front of me and my Uncle beer in front of him.

I sip my water and look toward my uncle, he not very talkative anymore not that he was in the first place, but still. Henry looks down at what I'm working on "Are you the new school teacher, down at the elementary school?" He asks.

I nod and take another sip of my water, "Yeah it's my first year teaching," I tell him.

"Well I am sure the children will love you," He tells me smirking. Is he flirting with in front of my Uncle, I shrug and smile back at him.

"I'm going to go get your food, before Walt decides to tear into me," Henry says amusement clearly showing in his eyes. He walks back toward the kitchen and I can't but stare at his ass.

"You are not to go out with, even if he asks," My uncle tells me gruffly. I look at him shocked.

"What makes you think he's going to ask me out," I ask him and he motion toward the napkin next to me. I look down at the napkin it has Henry's phone number on it and says call if you need anything. I smile softly and put the napkin in with my notes for next week.

"Even if I were to call and he asks me out, I can go if I want," I tell him. "I'm twenty-five years old, I've never really got to live my life because of mom. I've finally got away from her and I want some freedom to do what I please."

After I finished talking Henry comes out with a smirk on his face and I can tell he listened to the majority of what I said. I look down blushing, and put away my notes. Henry sets down my plate "Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy with a side of vegetables," He tells me, and puts down Walt's plate, "your regular."

Henry leans over and refills my glass "So if I were to ask you out

what would your answer be," He says.

"An if you were to ask me out, I'd have to get to know you first, seeing as I just moved here," I tell him smiling, as I cut a piece of chicken fried steak. I moan in delight as the food hit my mouth. "This is really good."

"I am glad," He says and tucks a piece of hair behind my ear.

"Henry quit flirting with my niece, and go tend to your other customers," Walt grits out and takes a bit out of his hamburger.

I sigh and continue to eat the delicious meal that Henry picked out for me. "It was nice to meet you" Henry says to me smiling.

"Like wise, " I tell him blushing at the way he looked at me as he walked away from me.

It was a couple weeks before I decided to call Henry, seeing as I'm going to the Red pony every couple of days to pick up my drunk uncle. We had hit it off and talked quite a bit when I go to pick up my uncle.

Sitting down at my desk and begin to organize somethings as the children had just gone home. I flip through somethings and the napkin with Henry's phone number comes out. I look at it for a little while deciding that I know him and trust him enough to call.

Grabbing my cell phone I dial the number it rings for awhile before someone picks up.

Hello, may I ask who this is.

Hi Henry it's Baily

So you decided to call me.

Yeah, I decided to take you up on that offer of the hypothetical date.

Oh really have you and I thought you weren't going to call at all.

Yeah, and I was going to call I just wanted to get to know you first.

_Have you eaten yet, if you want I can bring you down something.

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No I haven't the children just got out and I was just packing somethings up before I made my back to my Uncles house. I could drop by for a little if that's okay with you.

That's fine it's slow right now, so you can just go to my office and I'll something ready for you.

Okay great I'll see you soon.

See you soon.

I hang up and start putting everything into my bag and head out to my car. Putting everything into the back, I climb into the drivers seat. I do all the safety precautions before I start the car and make my way to the Red Pony.

Twenty minutes later I pull into a parking space. Turning off the car and unbuckling myself, I climb out and head inside. Once inside I make a bee-line toward Henry's office. "Knock, Knock," I say when I see him inside.

He turns toward the door and smiles once he see's me. He gets up as I begin to walk in, he walks towards me and gives me a hug before leading to the couch. On the coffee table was one his pizza's and a couple sodas.

Soon after we met he learned that I don't drink, I smile he remembered. Sitting down on the couch, he hands me a slice of pizza and a soda. He grabs his own and sits next to me "Anything in particular that you want to watch," he asks.

I take a bite out of my slice a hum at how good it tastes. I think as I chew "Not really, I don't really watch much television." I tell him after I swallow. "I'm perfectly fine with your company."

He nods and wraps his arm around me "so how were the little monsters today?" He asks.

"Little monsters, three day weekend make them a little excited," I tell him and taking another bit out of my pizza.

He chuckles "You know, if it becomes to much for you, I can always give you a job," He tells me teasing.

"And what be a waitress," I say leaning into his arm.

"You would be a hot waitress," he says and squeezes my shoulders. I look up at him smiling, he leans over and kisses my temple.

We continue to make small talk for awhile as we eat. Henry takes his arm from around my shoulder and gets up. "It seem I have to get back to work," he says as we hear a large group of people enter.

I pout but nod "I'll call you on the time and day for our hypothetical date," He says smiling and kisses my temple again.

"Okay," I say getting up, "I still have some unpacking to do, the moving truck finally brought the rest of my things a couple days ago," I tell him and grab my purse.

"I'll see you soon," I say and kiss his cheek before heading out to my car. I wave at him before getting in and heading back to Walt's house. I get back just as the sun begins to go down and I pull in next to the house.

I get out and go inside, immediately going to the bedroom Walt set up for me, well technically I'm setting up for myself. Going to the dresser that I have partially filled. Pulling the top drawer out I pull out some yoga pants and a sweatshirt.

Changing into those I begin the process of unpacking, I go to the radio I have and turn it on.

Riiinnnggg

My phone goes off and I get up to go answer it before it stops. Tripping over a box , I grab my phone and answer.

This is Bailey's phone.

Hey sweetheart, it's Henry.

I know there's a things called caller I.D.

So are you free tomorrow night.

Yes.

Great wear something casual and I'll pick you up at Six.

Okay, I'll do that and see you tomorrow.

Lovely, I will see you tomorrow.

He says and hangs up the phone, I put my phone down and continue with my unpacking. Later I finish up for the day and head to bed, but before I go to sleep I text Henry goodnight.

#_Good night sweerheart#_

What am I supposed to do, the day is already going slow. I should probably stop by the school to pick up somethings-

Riiinnnggg goes my cellphone.

Picking it up I answer it "Hello?"

Hey Bailey it's Ruby I need you to come down to the station, for a couple things.

Why? Has something happened?

Not really I need your help with something?

And that something would be?

The printer is jammed and Branch, Vic and Ferg are out investigating something.

Okay let me get my shoes on, I'll be there soon.

Okay.

My uncle hangs up, and I get my shoes on, grab my keys and head on out. Climbing into my old 1969 mustang I head to the station.

I pull up next to the station and park, I get out and lock up my car. Walking in to the building I climb up the stairs, "Hello Ruby, what's the problem with the printer," I ask her.

"Nothing your Uncle needed some excuse to get you down here," She tells me.

"Okay," I say awkwardly, I go and look for my uncle and find him in his office.

I knock on the door "Hey Uncle it's Bailey," I say as I walk in.

He motions me over "Bailey this Alice Carrow, she one of the kids in the daycare from the school you work at that runs," Walt tells.

"I know who she is, I've seen her waiting in the office quite a few times waiting for her parents, since I've started working there," I say. I go over and kneel in front of Alice.

"Hey sweetie me right, I'm Miss. Ricci," I tell her, she nods and tears continue to fall down her face as she launches herself toward me.

She wraps her arms around my neck and I hold her to myself. I stand up and sit in the chair, I move my hand and finally notice the blood that's on her.

"What happened to her?" I ask my Uncle.

"Her neighbors, found her in a puddle of her parents blood this morning," He whispers, "Both dead, and since I know you are good with children I'm putting her in you're care until I can finish this investigation," He tells me.

"And to her," I ask him looking down at the little girl in my arms.

He nods sadly and says "She will most likely be put into the system."

I nod with tears I my eyes. "Can I take her home and get her cleaned up, I have some clothes that will fit her," I tell my uncle. I stand up and carry Alice out to my car I go to put her in and realize that I don't have a car seat.

I guess she has to sit in my lap as I drive, even if it is a illegal. Putting my bag onto that passenger seat, sitting down in the drivers seat.

I situate little Alice on my lap "Sweetie I'm going to need you to hold onto my shirt while I drive," I tell her she doesn't say anything but clutches to my shirt again.

I turn on the car and carefully drive back to my uncles house.

**A/N: this the first part of the prologue, I didn't want to put too much in one chapter. So next up is going to be the date and a couple other things. Thank you for reading.**

2. Chapter 2

_**A/N: Bailey's third outfit and Alice's from last chapters images

is what they are wearing.**_

Pulling up in front of my Uncle's cabin, I turn off my car. Looking down at Alice, she's sleeping softly against me. Getting out I hitch her up, so that she's sleeping against my shoulder.

Before closing the door I grab my bag, closing the door softly I head on inside, going straight to my bedroom. I set Alice on my bed and head into my bathroom and start the water, to give her a bath. I add some of my apple smelling bubble bath, and go back out to Alice.

"Alice come on sweetie I need you to wake up," I say and she whines and slowly wakes up. "You feeling better, I have a bath ready for you," I tell her she nods and gives me the universal hand grabbing asking me to pick her up.

I pick her up and go back to the bathroom setting her down on the counter. I begin to undress her and she has no problems with it, picking her up again I set her down in the warm water, and shut it off before it fills too much.

She whines just a little bit, when I turn a round to grab a wash cloth and a cup. "Baby girl, it's okay no one is going to hurt you here," I tell her as I wash the remaining blood off of her.

I hear a small giggle and look down at Alice who is finally smiling and playing with the bubbles. I smile and grab some shampoo, putting a dolop on my hand and run it through her short hair. After a couple minutes of scrubbing her head softly to get her hair thoroughly soaped up.

I reach behind me and grab the cup filling it up with fresh water "Allie can you tilt your head back," I say and gently tilt her head back.

After rinsing her hair, I grab a fluffy towel lifting her out of the tub I wrap her in the towel and pick her up. After pulling the plug in the tub to drain the water, I carry her to my bed and set her down.

Kneeling down and pulling a container out from under it. It has all the baby stuff I kept at my house when my best friend left her daughter with me to go out with her husband.

Pulling out a polka-dot shirt, little jeans and some socks and shoes. Pulling out a diaper, I dress Alice up leaving her socks and shoes off for now.

I change my clothes into some pajamas, I look at Alice staring at the stuffed cow I have next to my television intently. "he munchkin do you want the stuffed cow," I ask her picking up the toy cow and she reaches her hand out.

I climb onto the bed with her and hand it to her, she clutches it to her chest. I lay down and little Alice crawls over and curls up against my side as I turn on some cartoons. Soon I hear her breathing even out and see that she's fallen asleep again, but with her thumb in her mouth and the toy cow clutched against her chest.

Looking at the time I see it's 4:30, I didn't realize how late it was. I grab my cell phone and dial Henry's number it rings and Henry answers.

Hello Bailey.

Hey um something came up and I have to take care of my little guest.

Do you mean Little Alice Carrow?

Yes and did my uncle tell you about what happened.

Yes I am well aware of what is going on, and since you have your little guest to care of, you can bring her along with us tonight. She will not change any plans that I have set.

Really, thank you for understanding, you're so sweet.

You are forgetting hansom, and incredibly charming. So I will come down around 5:40 and be there around 6:30.

Okay I'll see you soon.

We say our goodbyes and he hangs up, I look toward Alice who's is still sleeping. I walk into my closet pulling out what I'm wearing tonight.

I get dressed and put on some simple make up, I walk over to my bed and sit down to put on my shoes. Alice whines and sits up, with the stuffed cow in her hand.

She has some bed head, I smile at how cut she looks rubbing her eye. "Come here sweetie," I say and she crawls over to me.

I grab two hair ties and a hairbrush, I move her in front of me. I brush her hair and start braiding it into pigtails. I finish and say "There now can you go and get the shoes and socks I set out for you on.

I start packing up a diaper bag with everything, Alice has her shoes on. I sling the bag onto my shoulder and I pick her up resting her on my hip. I head to the kitchen and pull out a sippy cup from the bag and fill it up with juice. Snapping the lid onto it I hand it over to Alice.

She takes it and begins to drink from it, I set her down and grab the box of Cheerios and fill a bag up with them. Putting the bag of Cheerios and an extra sippy cup filled with juice into the diaper bag.

I hear a knock in the door, I put the bag back onto my shoulder and pick Alice up again. I look at her as she leans her head into the crook of my neck drinking from her sippy cup and clutching the cow.

I go to the door and answer it, my eyes light up when I see Henry standing there. "Hi Henry," I say and step outside.

"Hello Bailey," He says taking the bag off my shoulder and closing

Walt's door locking up. Alice eye's him "Hello Alice," Henry says softly and she hides her face into my neck.

"Alice baby it's okay, he's a friend and he's going to take us to dinner, and maybe some ice cream," I whisper to her looking at Henry and he nods at me.

Alice nods into my neck and grips onto my jean jacket. "It's good to see you," I tell Henry, as he leads me to his truck.

"It is good to see you too," He tells me, He opens the door to the back and I see he has a car seat in there. Looking up at him I smile, Alice lets me put her in with out any struggle. I guess Alice trusts Henry, she watches the both of us as she plays with her cows ears.

I close the door to the back seat, and Henry opens the passenger door and helps me inside. "Thank you," I murmur and buckle up. He closes the door and runs over to the drivers side. He climbs in and turns his truck on and drives off.

Henry looks back at Alice, then looks and me smiling softly a twinkle in his eyes. Alice whines and I look back at her, she had her fingers in her mouth.

"It seems that Alice is a little hungry," I tell Henry as I bend over to grab the zip-lock bag filled with Cheerios, opening them I reach over and hand them to Alice and she happily starts munching on them.

"You are good with her," Henry says as he drives us into town.

I smile "thank you and thank you for letting little Alice come along," I say and put my hand on his, squeezing it as he drives.

Henry smiles, lifting my hand and kissing my knuckles. Alice giggles behind us, I smile and watch her try to feed the stuffed cow some Cheerios.

Henry pulls over next to a park and shuts the car off. I unhook myself and get out. Henry gets out going to the bed of his truck he pulls out a picnic basket. I open the back door and unhook Alice. She launches herself at me, smiling brightly when she see's the playground.

She may not want to speak but her eye's say it all, she is happy to be with me. A phone rings and I see Henry pick his up with a grim expression. "Walt... Really now I am on a date... You really can not hold this off... Just so you know I think your niece is not going to be happy... Yes I am out with your niece... Fine I will be right there, just send someone down who can take the girls home," he speaks on the phone.

"You have to go, is it my uncle?" I ask as he walks over to me the basket still in his hand.

"Yes your Uncle needs me to come down to the station, a Cheyenne man is a suspect for the death of this little one parents," He tells me "Branch is coming to take you home."

He puts his hand on my cheek and kisses me softly "I will see you later," He tells me and gets into his car heading out to meet my uncle.

I put my free hand to my lips 'he kissed me' but why.

**A/N: Thank you for reading and such.**

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